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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/248,392

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For: PRODUCTION OF PRODUCTS  
CONTAINING PRECIPITATED  
CALCIUM CARBONATE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In reply to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for three months to June 3, 2003, by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

--A method of continuously or semi-continuously producing a solid product comprising precipitated calcium carbonate in an aqueous medium which method comprises delivering an aqueous suspension of [calcium hydroxide] **a calcium ion source** in sequence through a series of at least two static in-line mixers whilst carbon dioxide is introduced into the suspension at or before each of the mixers whereby carbon dioxide and the aqueous suspension are intimately mixed in each mixer to facilitate reaction of the carbon dioxide with [calcium hydroxide] **the calcium ion**

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